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FACTS CLEARLY STATED.

The Spartanburg Journal in the following editorial, states certain political facts so clearly and forcibly that we reproduce the editorial with our endorsement.

"Advocates of Judge Jones' candidacy for governor should not be misguided by results at the various county conventions being held throughout the State today. It is predicted that opponents of Governor Blease will dominate these conventions and elect Jones men as delegates to the State convention. It is a mistake to mix the gubernatorial race with the choice of delegates to the presidential convention.

"While it is conceded that Blease, at least, will not rule these conventions, at the same time, it must be conceded that the governor has made no well-defined effort to dominate just yet. Blease doesn't care very much who is elected president of the United States, but he is extremely interested in the next gubernatorial campaign. He is too wise to show his hand and try to rule the convention. He is saving all his strength for use next August.

"The result of the convention is not a fair test of strength for either Jones or Blease. The Blease supporters, men who are known and avowed Bleasettes, have taken little part in the conventions and have never attempted to corral their strength in a concerted movement."

Sentiment favorable to the election of Judge Jones is widespread throughout the State and he enters the campaign for Governor with many things in his favor, but to draw the conclusion from the results of the several county conventions that he will be elected over Gov. Blease by an overwhelming majority is as unwarranted as it is unsafe. The fight for the governorship is scarcely started yet and long before the primary the preliminary skirmish in the county conventions will have been forgotten.

The News and Courier puts Lee county in the Blease column, classifying the delegates to the State convention as Blease men. There is evidently some mistake about this as the Lee county delegation is known to contain both Jones and Blease supporters. The issue seems not to have been raised in the convention and the delegates were elected on their personal merits regardless of their preference for Jones or Blease.

The result of the primary in Maryland materially strengthened Roosevelt and was a severe blow to Taft. It looks more and more like Roosevelt every day as the inevitable choice of the Chicago convention. Then only the good sense of the people and their innate conservatism and respect for law and order will stand between this country and the calamity of having a trust-owned autocrat in the White House.

The plan to defeat Woodrow Wilson by pitting him against the field appears to be working well, but there is some consolation to his supporters in the fact that he will go into the Baltimore convention with a large number of delegates with whom he is the first choice and a still greater number who will vote for him as the second choice.

Gov. Blease says he is not worrying over the results of the county conventions, but it can be read between the lines that he is giving the matter considerable thought and has a plausible explanation of how it happened, ready for anxious inquirers.

If the Roosevelt crowd do not quit overworking the word "har," those who need a forcible term for a deliberate falsifier will be forced to coin a new word.

Capt. John G. Capers says there are thousands of Republicans living in the up-country who vote the Democratic primary—which may be true or not—but we would like to know

whether or not the members of the recently organized Socialist party will be permitted to vote in the Democratic primary.

Wilson is first choice of the Texas Democrats and that delegation will help some in the Baltimore convention.

Sumter is ready to welcome the Alcolu Railroad whenever Mr. Alderman is ready to pay us a visit.

"Too fierce partisanship is, as a general rule, deplorable, but in a good cause it is better to be considered a fanatic than a fence-straddler."—The State.

Respectfully referred to the proposed Candidates' Silence Union of Sumter County.

TILLMAN'S CHANGE.

How "Pitchfork Ben" Has Altered His Talk and Manners.

Philadelphia Record.

In his appeal to the people of South Carolina to give him a fourth term in the senate, though he is physically unable to undertake a campaign, Senator Tillman says:

"I came to the Senate in a cloud of obloquy on account of newspaper abuse at home. I have fought my way in spite of it, and have lived to see most of the newspaper men in the press gallery my friends."

The implication is that the newspapers were unjust to him formerly, but as they have come to know his sterling worth they have come to admire him, and now most of the Washington correspondents are his friends. We believe the implication is erroneous and that the change has not occurred in the public or in the press, but in the senator himself. The higher station and the broader field of activity that have come to him chastened his taste, moderated his passion, endowed him with some sense of responsibility for his words and given his undeniable talents and force of character and courage a better chance to be appreciated.

It's an ungracious thing to recall the language which led to the South Carolina senator being commonly known as "Pitchfork Tillman," but if Mr. Tillman insists that he is the same sort of man he always has been, and the higher regard that is entertained for him is due to a better knowledge of him, we're compelled to recall language which we trust the senator is sorry he ever uttered. He was one of the many victims of the delusion that cheap money would be a boon to the people of small means and therefore he regarded Mr. Cleveland with intense bitterness. As soon as he was elected senator he made this remark about the president of the United States:

"When I got to the United States senate I'll punch that old bag of beef in the ribs with my pitchfork and make him show up something about his Wall street deals."

Senator Tillman has not been talking in that style for some years, and we trust he has not been feeling that way. He was the product of what another South Carolinian described as a servile insurrection. For 150 years South Carolina, colony and State, had been dominated by the aristocracy of the big planters. Some 20 years ago, or perhaps 25, the small farmers, known to the slaves of the old regime as "poor white trash," broke into politics and easily retired, the Wade Hampton and the Matthew C. Butler and all other representatives of the old aristocracy. Tillman was a leading figure in bringing this about. He is a man of strong passions and was formerly of coarse language. He was not misrepresented when he entered the senate, and the better opinion that has grown up regarding him is the result of changes that have gone on in him. His manners have improved, his language has been controlled, and we believe that these things only reflect the deeper change that has gone on in him in the broadening and maturing of his mind.

GREAT DAY FOR CLEMSON.

Chicago College's Coming Welcomed by Lonesome Cadets.

Clemson College, May 8.—Wednesday has been the greatest day of the year for pleasure. Chicago college picked here as guests of the Greater Clemson association. The entire day and the evening have been given up to athletic sports, glee club performances, moving pictures, parades, etc. The fireworks display was brilliant.

You can't build up a town by inviting outside capital to come in and reap the harvest that local opportunities offer. Home people have to do a large part of the building and when others see what they are reaping they will come in and get a share of the harvest without waiting to be invited. Sumter people are now building and reaping and that is why this town grows.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts.

Since our last issue Dr. D. B. Johnson of Winthrop College has written that the Professor of Economics will take up the study of farm finance and marketing. His letter also brought a cordial invitation to address the 745 young women under his care on this important subject at my earliest convenience. This looks like business. When the Winthrop girls become infused with the Farmers' Union spirit there will be something doing that will wake up the farmers if anything can. Maybe it will not take 100 years to organize the farmers then.

Prof. W. S. Morrison of Clemson writes today that he will earnestly take up this question, and requests that he be kept in touch with the latest developments.

The Yorkville Enquirer remarks that it is a great work and is bound to lead to results.

Congressman Lever and Senator Smith, two representatives who are always on the alert to push betterments of the farmers, have written their approval; and this move by the Farmers' Union will lead to legislation in congress that will be of incalculable benefit.

The Christian Herald of New York, an independent religious newspaper that takes the lead in relieving distress wherever it may be, whether in India, China, or among the waifs of its own great city, has been calling on the mayors of many cities for expressions of opinion as to how to reduce the cost of living. It is a very interesting page that gives their replies. Better market facilities, where the city dweller may deal directly with the country producer, is the burden of the replies.

The Farmers' Union plans for distribution by agents of the produce will be better, for there can be no question that just as one man can distribute the mails more cheaply than every man can go for his mail, so can one man distribute farm produce for several men more cheaply than each can for himself.

There is no question, however, that a return to the good old-time custom of personal marketing by many a city house-wife would reduce expense and give her family a better bill of fare.

It is told of John Marshall that when he was chief justice of the United States, a foolish individual was excited over his inability to find a boy to take a turkey to his home, and John Marshall either offered to take it or was pressed into service and was paid a quarter, which he quietly accepted, but the f. i. was terribly mortified when he found out that his plain countryman—"my goodman"—as he called him, was none other than the chief justice.

Somewhere in the past few weeks I was told, by a man who said he saw it, that a similar incident came under his observation at Asheville, N. C. Mr. Vanderbilt accepted a quarter for some service and remarked: "I am Mr. Vanderbilt and this is the way I made my money," to the amusement of the crowd at the discomfiture of his benefactor. Some how the tale did not sound natural, and I insisted my informant must have been mistaken, but he said "I saw it and heard it. The man needed a rebuke for the fuss he was making and Mr. Vanderbilt sure gave it to him."

E. W. D.

New Books for Library.

Whom God Hath Joined, by Arnold Bennett.

The Search Party, by G. A. Birmingham.

Lalage's Lovers, by G. A. Birmingham.

Dawn O'Hara, by Edna Ferber.

In Desert and Wilderness, by Henryh Seinkiewicz.

Tante, by Ann D. Sedgwick.

Garry Owen, by H. DeVere Stackpole.

Danny's Own Story, by Don Marquis.

Rider's of The Purple Sage, by Jane Grey.

The Conflict, by D. G. Phillips.

Four Months Afoot in Spain, by H. A. Francke.

The Dangerous Age, by Karin Michaels.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS.

One, Donated by City National Bank, To Clemson, and Other to Winthrop, Donated by The Lyric.

The Item is in receipt of the following letters with a request to publish them:

Mr. J. H. Grady, Manager of Lyric, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: Mrs. H. W. Beall, chairman of the Educational Committee of Sumter County Farmers' Union, reported at the last meeting of the Union your generosity in establishing a scholarship to Winthrop College, to be given to some deserving Sumter County girl. The Union was unanimous in instructing me to forward you its thanks and appreciation for this valued gift which is the means of placing within reach of some poor county girl a college education.

Very respectfully,

Hugh H. Witherspoon, Secretary Sumter County Farmers' Union.

Mayesville, S. C., May 7, 1912.

Mr. G. A. Lemmon, President, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: At a recent meeting of Sumter County Farmers' Union, Mrs. H. W. Beall, chairman of the County Union Educational Committee, reported your generous gift of a scholarship to Clemson College, to be awarded to some worthy Sumter County boy. By a unanimous vote of the Union I was instructed to extend to you and your bank its sincere thanks for the same, and to assure you that the farmers of Sumter County fully appreciate what you have done in placing a college education within the reach of one of their boys.

Very respectfully,

Hugh H. Witherspoon, Secretary Sumter County Farmers' Union.

Mayesville, S. C., May 7, 1912.

SOME Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Tennis Courts Soon to be Ready—Screens for Windows—Baseball and Other Matters.

The tennis courts at the Y. M. C. A. grounds will be ready to play on some time next week. Disposition has been made of the old rubbish which accumulated there while the building was being erected and the grounds are now being laid out and gotten in shape.

It will be of interest to people of Sumter to know that at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board Tuesday night it was decided that a twelve foot concrete sidewalk should be placed in front of the building. Perhaps, the other property owners will be willing to complete the sidewalk to the corner, making a block of concrete sidewalk.

The Y. M. C. A. officials are much worried over the fact that wire screens which were ordered some time ago for all of the outside openings to the building have not yet come. However, this is a rush season at the factories and it is a hard matter to get the order attended to at once. The persons visiting the Y. M. C. A. have complained of the flies, but the lack of screens is something that could not be helped. The flies trouble the officials at the building a great deal more than anything else at present, but these persons have to grin and bear their worries.

The two Bible classes meet on Friday afternoon. Mr. Bowman's class at 6:30 and Mr. Birchard's class at 7:30.

The uniforms for the players in the Game Cock City League have been ordered through Burns Hardware company and will be rushed through as quick as possible. There are forty-eight of them. The games will be started up as soon as the uniforms arrive.

Wednesday night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium the "Never-Wassers" defeated the "Has-Beens" four times in five games of volleyball. A big crowd saw the games and seemed much pleased with the exhibition. (The names were suggested by one of those who saw the games and heard about the two teams.)

Humorist's Talk on Grammar.

George Ade, at a dinner in Chicago, delivered an amusing little address on grammar. "Don't," he began, "don't say, 'Mamie and me have been to church,' when you mean 'Mamie and I have been to church.' Why, though, I'll about it at all? Don't use the word 'got' too much. It is inelegant. 'I have got a million' is not nearly so refined as 'I have a million.' From whom you got it is, after all, nobody's affair but your own."

Only Made It Worse.

James Payn tells of a whist player being told by an opponent that he could always tell by his face when he had a good hand. This he resented exceedingly, and applied to his partner for a refutation of it; but he was still more irritated by his form of corroboration, "that he had never noticed any expression in his countenance whatever."

JUDGE JONES AT SUMMERTON

MADE AN ADDRESS LAST NIGHT TO ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE IN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

Resigned His Position as Chief Justice to Redeem the State from Bleasism. Says Judge Jones—Talks to School Children on Honoring Their Fathers and Mothers and Reverence for Those Having Authority over Them—Says That Pardoning Power is One Conferred on Governor by People and Should be Used Circumspectly.

Special to The Item.

Summerton, May 10.—Judge Ira B. Jones spoke last night in the school auditorium at this place to about five hundred people. His speech was well received and he met with a very hearty welcome at the hands of the good people of Summerton.

His speech lasted for almost an hour, during which time he spoke to the children on honoring their fathers and mothers and having reverence for those in authority, while to the older people present he talked for a while on political matters, mentioning the fact that he had left the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court, a much more exalted position than that of governor, to redeem the State from Bleasism. This was his only direct mention of Governor Blease, who is his chief opponent in the race for governor.

Judge Jones was invited to speak to the school children, and taking for his text "Honor Thy Father and Mother," he spoke to the children for the greater part of his time on this subject. He stated that the government itself rested on four pillars which must be preserved for the government to stand. These pillars, he said, were the school, the home, the church and the court house. It was in the school and the home that the child was taught to honor his father and mother and reverence those having authority over him. He must learn to reverence his ancestors and those things which had been done by them to build up the State. It was only by learning in the home and school, while young, the proper respect for those having authority over him that he could set an example for his own children when he grew into a man. The children should live to honor their father and mother.

ing power should be used only under justifiable circumstances and never for political reasons, or for reasons of friendship or for any other reason. It was delegated by the people and should be used only to the best interest of the people, which was never the case except when the pardon was clearly justified.

In speaking of his resigning his position as Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, Judge Jones stated that many people did not understand his motives. That the position of Chief Justice was one very much more honorable than that of governor and more lasting, for in his position of Chief Justice he had seen many governors come and go. In resigning his position from the Supreme Court to enter the race for governor he was obeying a call of duty. He sought to redeem the State from Bleasism, this being the motive prompting him to the action he had taken.

Interesting Notes from Rembert.

Rembert, May 8.—On Saturday, May 4th, we had a picnic at Dinkins' Mill with a fish-fry that proved a social occasion of much enjoyment. Besides the people of the immediate vicinity in attendance, we mention Mr. and Mrs. Tyrie Stuckey and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Sanders, Mr. Richard, familiarly known as "Tut" Sanders of Stateburg; Miss Alta Emmanuel of Borden; Messrs. Walter Osborn Sanders with Percy Myers of Hagood; Mrs. Reams, her sons, James and Adam; Misses, Nita and Mazie McLeod, Miss Nellie Wilks, Mr. Shuler and Messrs. Jenkins and Robert Rembert, with the Chandler "boys" of Rembert; Mr. T. M. Bradley, his sons and daughters, with Willie Jones of Spring Hill and others. Fishing on land and water, boat riding, driving were the order of the day.

Of course, there was a sumptuous spread, the dinner always is here, and it would have done you good to see the "Colonel" eat.

Miss Emily Creighton and Edna Davis, their schools having closed, are at home again.

Miss Bessie Crouch of Rembert high school was called home quite suddenly to the bedside of her brother.

Miss Bessie Grider, efficient principal of the Stateburg school, has been visiting Mrs. H. C. Behea.

Mr. G. H. Lenoir of Camden is down overlooking repairs of his mill.

Miss Cuttino, principal of the New Hope school has been visiting some

time with Miss Courtenay Atkinson.

I am informed by the Rev. S. B. Hatfield that the first Saturday in June will be observed as Children's Day at New Hope church with appropriate exercises. I have information that the good cause is making progress there.

Children's Day is contemplated for the Bethesda Sunday school, but nothing definite in that direction has been done. Remember it is coming and we embrace this occasion to invite you to it. We will let you know in time to get ready for it, Mr. Editor, and promise you a pleasant time.

Small grain is looking fine and promises better than in years.

The stands of corn and cotton among us are good.

Everybody is feeling pretty good just now but if the showers continue, work will soon be plentiful.

All the gardens in the community are excellent and hard times seem about over.

"Hagood."

Mr. J. K. Crosswell seems to be running a race with time for the completion of his string of stores north of the Hotel Sumter. It is plainly evident that he intends them to be completed in time for service this fall.

THE SICK AT LYNCHBURG.

Truck Farmers Are Doing Well and Expect Big Returns.

Lynchburg, May 9.—There are several very ill patients in this little town. Mr. W. T. McLeod and children are getting on nicely, but Mr. B. E. McLeod, father of the former, is still seemingly hopelessly ill, and the end is momentarily expected, from his apparent condition.

Mrs. Sarah I. Frierson is still critically ill.

Mr. J. Frank McIntosh is improving; being at the sitting-up stage of convalescence now.

Mrs. R. E. McElveen is no better.

The truck farming in this section promises good results, and the seasons are very favorable, so far. Some shipments of peas have been made with fair returns and more peas, beans and potatoes will be on the market in 3 or 4 days. The oat crop is very promising—much better than last year. Farmers are rapidly "catching up."

Died From Wounds.

News has been received in this city of the death at Shiloh of Mr. G. E. Cox, a resident of that place. Mr. Cox was 56 years of age and leaves a wife and five children. He was a brother to Mrs. Maggie Broach of this city, and has a surviving brother at Shiloh. The funeral services were held at Shiloh Wednesday.

Mr. R. I. Manning announced today that he would be a candidate before the State convention for delegate at large to the Baltimore convention. Mr. Manning was influenced to seek election as a delegate by numerous letters received from citizens of all sections of the State suggesting that he permit the use of his name. Mr. Manning will be nominated by the Sumter County delegation.

Preferred Jail to Marriage.

A county judge in England has just delivered the most sentimental decision ever heard of in his particular "neck of the woods." He told a burglar he would suspend sentence on him if he would agree to marry and settle down or get a dog or cat in order to have something to work for. Oddly enough, the burglar could not see it that way, and took a year's imprisonment instead.

For Sale.

120 acres of fine farming land near a thriving town in Southern Alabama. Healthy country. This farm was formerly a part of a turpentine location which has been discontinued. If interested write us promptly. Jennings Naval Stores Company, Pensacola, Fla.

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We have found this variety superior to any other, giving a larger yield per acre with the same treatment, and giving a larger per cent. of lint. Our farm is free from blight and other diseases, and the cotton is ginned at our own gin, where every precaution is taken to prevent mixing with other seed. We offer a limited amount of select seed at \$1.00 per bushel. C. P. Osteen & Co., Sumter, S. C.